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Final Congress Session Hammers Out Executive

THE CONCLUSION OF THE 13th WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS IN JERUSALEM WAS DELAYED UNTIL THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING IN THE TRADITIONAL MANNER, WHILE THE STANDING COMMITTEE STRUGGLED WITH THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION. THE PLenary SESSION WAS INTERRUPTED JUST BEFORE 11 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY PROPOSALS. CROWDS OF DELEGATES MILLED AROUND THE LOBBY AND RESTAURANT WAITING FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO RESOLVE THE DISAGREEMENT SO THAT THE PLenary SESSION COULD BE RESUMED.

Congress Asks Israel to Grant It Legal Status for Upbuilding

The Zionist Congress yesterday in effect asked the Government of Israel to grant the World Zionist Organization a legal status as the representative of the Jewish people in all matters that relate to organized participation of Jews in the world over in the development and upbuilding of the land and the rapid absorption of newcomers.

The next step is up to the Second Knesset. But as the motion was carried unanimously in the Congress and the parties which supported it dominate the Knesset, it is certain to be enacted by the legislature.

The only opposition to the status resolution was expressed by Mr. Itzhak Gruenbaum, who felt that what was wanted was "recognition" and not a legal status. Mr. Gruenbaum himself was absent during the voting (in any case he is not a delegate and has no vote; he entered his minority proposal as a member of the outgoing Jewish Agency Executive). No one supported his position in the vote.

The Congress also resolved: "that the practical programme undertaken by the World Zionist Organization and its agencies for the fulfillment of its historic tasks in Eretz Israel calls for the fullest degree of cooperation and coordination on its part with the State of Israel and its Government, in consonance with the laws of the land."

On this point, Mapam tried to reduce the scope of cooperation. Dr. Nahum Nir opposed the proposed pledge of cooperation and the reference to the laws of the land. He also wanted to confine the cooperation to matters pertaining to ingathering of the exiles. The proposed amendments were defeated.

A concession was also made to those delegates who had advocated an exclusive status abroad, which the Israel Government is, of course, in no position to grant. "In relation to all activities conducted in the interest of the State of Israel within Jewish communities outside Israel," the resolution said, "it is essential that the Government of the State of Israel shall act in coordination and consultation with the World Zionist Organization."

Mapam also sought to delete a reference to the Jewish Agency from a resolution asking the Government to consult the World Zionist Organization and the Agency with regard to all proposed legislation touching upon their activities, their property or their undertakings. The Congress accepted the explanation of Mr. Zera Shapiro, the chairman of the Fundamental Problems Committee, which drafted the resolution, that the status was actually being given to the Zionist Organization but there had to be a reference to the Jewish Agency because of the property, under

takings, obligations, debts and assets registered in its name.

Another Mapam motion which was defeated provided that all materials destined for the Zionist Executive for agricultural settlements and absorption of immigrants shall be exempt from excise and duty.

Recognizing the importance of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemet as fund-raising instruments for the development of Israel, the Congress last night adopted a resolution instituting a number of changes to strengthen both organizations.

The Keren Hayesod was proclaimed to be the "sole fund of the World Zionist Organization to launch appeals in Israel and the Diaspora. The Keren Hayesod shall have priority in all matters connected with appeals and the raising of funds for Israel. The appeal in each country shall be carried out in the name hitherto accepted in that country, and the Keren Hayesod, as the financial instrument of the Zionist Executive and of the Jewish Agency, shall direct from Jerusalem all activities in connection with such appeals."

The Congress and the Zionist General Council will determine how the funds raised by the Keren Hayesod through the appeals will be spent. One of the two bodies will also allocate some of these funds to the Keren Kayemet.

The General Council was directed to elect at its next meeting a new Board of Directors of the Keren Kayemet. The Board of Directors will be composed of representatives of the Agency Executive, the Jewish Agency, and the Jewish Agency Executive. The Board will be empowered to immediately elect a Board until the Council's next session.

LEARN HEBREW
New courses are to be opened by the Cultural Dept. of the Haifa Municipality in all parts of the town.

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Government To Create Firm To Work Groves

The Cabinet meeting in the capital yesterday approved the creation of a company for the cultivation of abandoned groves, and the non-payment import of 5,000 refrigerators. Reports from the Minister of Communications and the Acting Minister of Education and the quarterly report of the Government Economic Adviser, were also heard.

The proposed Government firm, under the joint management of the Ministries of Agriculture, Labour and Finance, will supervise all uncultivated olive, citrus and other fruit groves in towns and settlements, without affecting abandoned groves, now under actual cultivation, which have been rented from the Custodian of Abandoned Property.

The Cabinet approved the import of the refrigerators as gifts to Israelis from abroad on condition that the senders also pay the customs duty in dollars. Details will be published shortly by the Ministry of Trade and Industry, it was announced.

Road Traffic
Dr. Dov Joseph's extensive report on the increase in road traffic during the past two years emphasized that there has not been a commensurate increase in vehicles.

Urban bus traffic between 1949-1950 has shown an increase of 28 per cent, while interurban traffic has grown by 56 per cent. In 1951 a four-million passenger increase in monthly interurban transit and a two-million increase in urban traffic were registered.

Only 1,400 buses handle this traffic. Of these 600 are more than six years old and about 300 are more than 16 years old. Whereas 1,000 buses were requested to meet present needs, only 300 additional buses will be put into service this year. Dr. Joseph noted that 700 additional taxis are needed and, in view of the pressing need, the Ministry will permit three persons in the front seat of larger vehicles—a widespread practice in the U.S.

In view of the serious shortage of bus drivers, the Ministry will recruit from abroad. The minimum requirement for granting driving licenses will be lowered. While cargo transport had increased by 70 per cent in the past two years, the increase in cargo vehicles was only 30 per cent. Moreover, of the 12,000 trucks in service, about 2,000 are more than six years old and in need of replacement.

Following the quarterly report of the Government Economic Adviser, it was revealed that Mr. Horevitz would leave for Britain next week. He was expected to conclude negotiations started a few months ago in Washington for the sale of the Keren Hayesod's assets.

IL74m. Budget
Mr. H. Hollander, as Chairman of the Congress Economic Committee, announced last night that the combined requirements of the Jewish Agency, Keren Hayesod, and Keren Kayemet for the year 1951-52 would amount to IL74m. Of this the Agency and Keren Hayesod would require IL61m. and the Keren Kayemet IL13m.

Mr. Hollander noted that the Basic Congress of 1948 adopted a yearly budget of IL16,500,000 and in the past five years the Zionist Movement has spent IL162,000,000.

He listed the major expenditures as approximately: Agricultural Settlement, IL25m.; Immigration and Absorption, IL11.5m.; Youth Immigration, IL6m.; Agency Work, IL10m.; Land Acquisition, Development and Afforestation, IL7.5m.; and the I.L.E.F.'s activities, IL2m.

The Congress authorized the Zionist General Council to set up the detailed budget for the organizations.

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Keeps Independence
Two members of the new Board will be members of the Keren Kayemet Board, while a member of the Agency Executive will be chosen as Chairman of the Keren Kayemet Board.

The resolution on financial independence was carried on the condition that the Keren Kayemet will continue to be independent in carrying out its functions in Israel.

Russia Gets Delay On Suez Vote Till Saturday

Last-Minute Surprise
UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday. — Russia, in a surprise move, today insisted that the Security Council adjourn until Saturday to give her time to present a new proposal on the question of the Suez blockade. The Russian action saved Egypt at the last minute from the adoption of the three-power resolution calling on her to cease her blockade of the Suez Canal.

Earlier during today's meeting both an Egyptian and Chinese Nationalist attempt to avert the imminent vote on the resolution failed.

The first failure came at the opening of the Council's meeting, when the Egyptian delegate, Mahmoud Fawzi Bey, rose to announce "with regret" that in view of the fact that the five interested nations were not prepared to abstain there was no point in submitting the Egyptian resolution that the five members of the Council who had protested on the Suez blockade were "interested parties" with no right to vote on the issue.

Observers took today's meeting that Egypt had not succeeded in finding a sponsor for her resolution.

Chinese Move
A desperate attempt to stave off the vote on the resolution was then made by the delegate for Nationalist China, who proposed that the Security Council should lay aside the resolution on the blockade for a general discussion of the "Palestine issue as a whole, and not in bits and pieces."

The Soviet delegate, M. Semyon Tsarapkin, then proposed a week's adjournment to enable "new approaches" the nature of which he did not define. He quoted "occasional expressions of the desire to be cooperative" on Egypt's part as lending point to his proposal.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb (Britain) replied sharply that the Council's role was to deal with the issue had given ample opportunity both for such approaches, and for the Soviet Union to decide on its stand.

Week's Delay Rejected
The motion was then put to the vote and defeated as it failed to gain the necessary seven supporters. India and Nationalist China voted with Russia, and the U.S. was against. The remaining seven nations abstained.

Mr. Tsarapkin then asked for a two-day delay till Saturday, to enable the Soviet Union to consider a new proposal, and threatened that he would use the veto if the request was not granted. The Council carried the new Russian request by nine votes to none, with Brazil and Ecuador abstaining.

The Council then adjourned until Saturday when Mr. Austin said a vote on the three-power resolution would be taken.

Observers, who believe that Russia's "new proposal" would merely call for renewed consultations between delegations and governments, saw little chance of a new solution (issuing from the Soviet move, but feared only that it may delay the final conclusion of the blockade).

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AFTER MIDNIGHT
Mr. Averell Harriman last night called on the French Premier, M. Fournet, and gave him his suggestions of the situation in Tehran and Baghdad.

Grady Received By Shah of Persia
TEHRAN, Wednesday (UP). — The U.S. Ambassador, Dr. Henry Grady, tonight called on the Shah of Persia, at the latter's request.

Informed circles understood the Shah was extremely anxious to see the resumption of oil negotiations.

U.N. Rejects New Peking Charges
TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuter). — Peking radio tonight renewed Communist charges about Allied warplanes bombing Kaesong, which General Ridgway has refused to "investigate," a second time.

The radio broadcast long "eyewitness" reports of the alleged raid over the signatures of three Communist journalists, one Chinese, one British and one Australian.

The Allied Supreme Commander said he was prepared to resume the cease-fire talks interrupted a week ago by the Communists, but flatly refused to hold a new investigation.

Time For More Staging
A statement issued by his Information Office said: "Since the time of this alleged incident and the initial investigation by the U.N. Command liaison officers (who declared the incident a 'frameup') the Communists have had more than ample time to improve upon their staging of the scene at Kaesong."

Senate Passes Ban on Trade
WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — The Senate last night approved an administration bill cutting off all U.S. aid to countries shipping arms and other "primary materials" to Russia or satellite countries.

The bill, passed by 55 votes to 16, will give President Truman discretion to sanction other trading when it appears that the non-Communist world might gain strength from such an exchange of goods.

On Tuesday night, however, several Senators warned that many European countries are economically dependent on trade with the Eastern bloc, and that the bill would merely drive them into an untenable position.

U.S. Resolves Goods
The House of Representatives has already passed a similar version of the bill, but it must still return before a Senate-House Conference Committee to deal, by compromise agreement, with several amendments added by the Senate.

Meanwhile the U.S. Department of Commerce revealed today that the U.S. has received \$1,000,000 worth of goods from Communist China during the last year, and \$1,000,000 from Soviet Russia in June. The export of U.S. goods to Communist China, however, ceased soon after their intervention in Korea, and U.S. exports to Russia are "in the negligible class."

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Jordan Electors Go to Polls
About 70 per cent of the more than 300,000 eligible Jordan and Palestine Arab voters are estimated to have gone to the polls throughout Jordan in the parliamentary elections yesterday. The polls were open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Approximately half the voters are Palestine Arabs. Women are not permitted to vote, but all males over 18 years of age are eligible.

On the eve of the elections the Old City District Commissioner enforced emergency regulations prohibiting the carrying of arms, sticks and stones and assemblies of more than three persons. All police and Legion officers were empowered to arrest without a warrant any person disturbing the peace.

BAGHDAD TRIAL OF 30 JEWS OPENS SUNDAY
A special military court has been set up in Baghdad to try the 30 Jews detained during the last few months on charges of storing explosives in Jewish synagogues. The accused will be charged with espionage and endangering the security of state, as well as being in possession of arms and explosives.

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